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Background Paper for pre-USIB Meeting, 18 December 1974 --

REACTIVATION OF REQUIREMENTS ADVISORY BOARD (RAB)

1. In a letter of 4 December to the Director, Secretary Simon stated he was "pleased" that the RAB will be reactivated under its new name, the Economic Intelligence Subcommittee (EIS) of the NSCIC. This, of course, is being done with the concurrence of the NSCIC Chairman, Dr. Kissinger.

2. Charles A. Cooper, Treasury's Assistant Secretary for International Affairs, will serve as chairman. As in its past incarnation, senior policymakers from the principal departments, agencies, and White House staffs concerned with foreign economic policymaking will be represented: Commerce; Council of Economic Advisers (CEA); Council on Economic International Policy (CIEP); President's Special Representative for Trade Negotiations (STR); State; Treasury [William Morell will serve as Vice Chairman]; and USIB's Economic Intelligence Committee (EIC). In addition, Secretary Simon has agreed that the EIS will be augmented by the inclusion of representatives from Agriculture, the Energy Research and Development Administration (ERDA) [formerly AEC], the Export-Import Bank, and the NSC Staff.

3. With respect to its Secretariat, the National Intelligence Officer for Economics and Energy, [REDACTED] will serve as Executive Secretary, with [REDACTED] of the IC Staff [he held this position with the RAB under [REDACTED] and he is the EIC Executive Secretary, as well] serving as the Deputy Executive Secretary. 25X1A9a 25X1A9a

4. Subject to the schedule of the Chairman, the Secretariat is anticipating holding an initial meeting of the EIS next month. The agenda will include, but not be limited to, three topics:



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The problem of protecting sensitive sources and methods, particularly re energy and monetary matters.

5. The EIS program of work over the coming months will also focus on formulating the FY 76 economic KIQs (which provide over-all policy support as opposed to regional economic subjects), on evaluating the community's product, on determining collection deficiencies (noting the need for inside information that can be obtained only by sensitive intelligence techniques), on establishing a mechanism for the provision of staff support to the NIO/E in the drafting of NIE-type papers, on providing early warning of impending economic policy questions so that the intelligence community products can be scheduled to tie in with upcoming policy papers, and on briefings in response to questions raised by members.

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